

2. Remarks

The Examiner's careful and thorough review of the application is appreciated.

a. The Drawings

Applicant's comments regarding the Examiner's objections to the drawings are set out above.

b. The Claims

The Examiner notes that claims 7, 8, and 10, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 so that it now recites limitations formerly found in claims 7, 8 and 3, and to specify that the shelf is coupled to the post with a sleeve. Claim 1 now requires first and second opposed arms having outer ends configured for making contact with the shelf, at least one upwardly extending contact member, and at least one downwardly extending member. Although claims 7 and 8 respectively require two upwardly and two downwardly extending contact members, neither de la Borbolla nor Davis et al. disclose these structures and the claims are on this basis believed to be allowable.

Independent claim 11 is similarly amended, and now recites a main body having a first contact portion defined by first and second hook arms and a second contact portion defined on the main body between the first and second hook arms. The hook arms define a retainer for retaining the clip in a desired position relative to an electrically charged member, and the first and second contact portions are electrically connected to the main body.

The limitations relating to the hook arms that contact the shelf and which define a retainer, and the second contact portion having a first member that contacts the shelf and a second member that contacts the post distinguish this claim from the references cited by the Examiner.

Claim 11 and dependent claims 12, 13 and 15 are believed to be allowable.

Claims 16 – 20 were allowable if the objections to the drawings were overcome. Claim 16 has been amended to clarify the claim, and Applicant believes that for the reasons stated earlier, the objections to the drawings are overcome. As such, claims 16 – 20 are in condition for allowance.

All of the claims are in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or if there are other outstanding issues, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite allowance.